

# Quincy Public Schools Fall Update #3 November 19, 2021



Dear Quincy Public Schools Students, Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

Over the past two weeks we have heard from many students, staff members, families, and community members expressing concerns of systemic racism, discrimination, and climate and culture issues within Quincy Public Schools. Some of these concerns were shared at school-based student forums and remote and in-person parent forums that included restorative circles both with our students and our families. This week, we also met with the Quincy High School student Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion group, Citywide Parent Council Equity, Diversity & Inclusion representatives, and have held multiple staff meetings at school sites.

Throughout all of these meetings, consistent topics for areas of improvement have emerged:

- ◆ revising and updating the student handbook;
- ◆ curriculum revisions and updates that create opportunities for all students to see themselves within the curriculum;
- ◆ implementing culturally responsive teaching practices in all of our classrooms;
- ◆ learning about and celebrating our diverse cultures within the district;
- ◆ establishing student mentor initiatives; and
- ◆ the diversification of staff to better reflect the student population.

We recognize that there is much work to be done and identifying these priorities is an important step forward. Quincy Public Schools is committed to engaging in this work and will be forming an Equity Work Group to undertake the work required to accomplish these tasks. This group will include representative students, parents, staff, and administrators interested in collaborating on these goals. Within the next two weeks, we will be sharing a timeline that will include short-term and long-term action steps focused on the ultimate goal of creating a safe and inclusive school community and details for how you can become involved in this Equity Work Group.

We appreciate all of the students, parents, staff, and community members who shared their experiences, ideas, and suggestions with us and we look forward to continuing the conversation. Future newsletters will highlight this important work as we make positive change together as a community.

Sincerely,

*Kevin W. Mulvey*

Superintendent of Schools

*Erin Perkins*

Assistant Superintendent



Monday,  
November 22, 2021  
at 6:00 pm via Zoom

## QPS ENGLISH LEARNER PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Quincy Public Schools invites you to a meeting for parents and guardians of English Learners. Come learn about the QPS ELPAC, interpretation support, and the Quincy College partnership with QPS! Interpreters are available in Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

### 英语学习者家长咨询委员会

昆士公立学校邀请您参加为英语学习者的父母和监护人举行的会议。快来了解 **QPS ELPAC**、口译支持以及昆士大学与 **QPS** 的合作关系！有专职人员为您翻译

### CONSELHO CONSULTIVO DE PAIS DE APRENDIZES DE INGLÊS

As Escolas Públicas de Quincy o convidam para uma reunião de pais e responsáveis de alunos de inglês. Venha aprender sobre o QPS ELPAC, apoio de interpretação e a parceria do Quincy College com o QPS! Teremos Intérpretes.

### CONSEJO ASESOR DE PADRES DE ESTUDIANTES DE INGLÉS

Las Escuelas Públicas de Quincy lo invitan a una reunión para padres y tutores de los estudiantes de inglés. ¡Venga y aprenda sobre QPS ELPAC, apoyo de interpretación y la asociación de Quincy College con QPS! Tendremos intérpretes disponibles.

### Tư Vấn cho Phụ Huynh các Học Sinh học Tiếng Anh tại Quincy

Trường Công Quincy kính mời quý vị tham dự một cuộc họp dành cho phụ huynh và người giám hộ của Học sinh Anh ngữ. Hãy đến tìm hiểu về QPS ELPAC, hỗ trợ về thông dịch, và quan hệ về đối tác của QPS với Quincy College! Phiên dịch sẽ được cung cấp sẵn.

<https://quincypublicschools.zoom.us/j/85252193646?pwd=NHBGa1RIYmNIN0srbk5xL2RkYkpOUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 5219 3646      Passcode: 777124

Quincy School ~ Community Partnership and  
Mayor Thomas P. Koch  
present



*'Tis the Season...  
Symphony & Song!*

*Celebrate the sounds of the holiday season with the*

*Quincy Symphony Orchestra  
Quincy Public Schools Combined High School Choral Group  
and  
John Adams Orchestra*

*Thursday, December 2, 2021  
Quincy High School  
Lloyd Hill Performing Arts Center  
7:00 P.M.*

*General Admission: \$20.00*

*Tickets may be purchased at both North Quincy High and Quincy High School*

*Dinner, Performance and VIP Seating: \$40.00*

*A 3 course dinner will be served at Presidents Cafe (located in Quincy High School) prior to the evening performance. Dinner seating will begin at 5:00 p.m. Dinner/Performance tickets must be purchased at Quincy Public Schools, 34 Coddington Street, Quincy, MA 02169 by Wednesday, November 24, 2021. Seating is limited. For additional information please call (617) 984-8731.*

*Masks are required in all school buildings.*





Massachusetts Partnership for  
**DIVERSITY** IN EDUCATION  
Multicultural Staffing Initiatives for Public Schools

**Meet us Online:  
Dec 1st, 4 - 6 PM**



# 2021 PreK - 12 Hiring Fair

Hội thảo tuyển dụng Feira do emprego 招聘会  
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Ярмарка найма Feria de contratación معرض التوظيف

*We are seeking talent for the following positions:*

- Lunch, Bus & Building Monitors
- Clerical/Administrative Assistants
- Cafeteria Workers
- Bus and Van Drivers (CDL or 7D licensed)
- Substitute Nurses (ADN, ASN, RN)
- Teachers: STEM, ESL, Special Ed & Voc/CTE
- Teaching Assistants/Paras/Tutors
- Substitute Teachers (Daily, Long Term & Building Subs)

**MPDE schools are committed to creating career opportunities for educators, support staff and administrators from diverse backgrounds. Our member districts include:**

Andover, Arlington, Attleboro, Cambridge, Danvers, Falmouth, Fitchburg, Framingham, Lexington, Lynn, Mansfield, Marshfield, Medford, Melrose, Milton, Needham, Quincy, Randolph, Salem, Somerville, Stoughton, Walpole, Waltham, Wayland, Wellesley, Westwood, Weymouth & Woburn.

Scan the QR code or follow the link below to sign up for the fair:

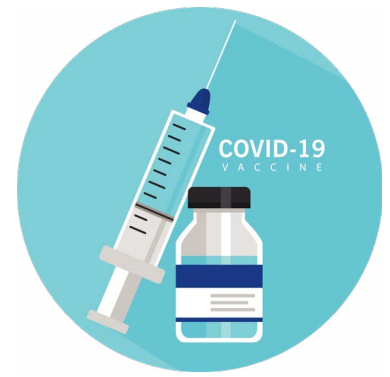
<https://qrco.de/bcWt16>



Visit the MPDE website at: [www.mpde.org](http://www.mpde.org)



If you have any questions, please contact [admin@mpde.org](mailto:admin@mpde.org)



# COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Manet offers free COVID-19 vaccines for anyone in our community age 5 and older. No insurance is needed (though we will ask for your information).

We offer all three approved vaccines (Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson), including boosters, for patients and community residents at the following locations:

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## 180 Old Colony Ave, Quincy

**Appointments preferred. Walk-ins will be accommodated if possible only after the first hour of clinic.**

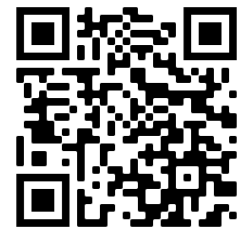
Tuesdays: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Thursdays: 1:00 - 7:00 PM

Fridays: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - Noon

Scan to schedule  
your appointment



(Due to increase in volume, our clinic at 110 W. Squantum St. has moved to this location)

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## COVID-19 Testing

Tuesdays: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

This is a self-administered swab. Results generally delivered within 48 hours.

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To see where else we will be, visit  
[www.manetchc.org/covid-19-vaccine/](http://www.manetchc.org/covid-19-vaccine/) or  
follow us on Facebook [@ManetCommunityHealthCenter!](https://www.facebook.com/ManetCommunityHealthCenter)

# YOUR ENERGY BILLS ARE GOING UP THIS WINTER. HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO.



Due to the pandemic and high natural gas prices worldwide, electricity and gas supply prices are set to be very high this winter. New and expanded assistance programs are available to help customers pay bills or manage the increase.

## YOUR UTILITY COMPANY CAN HELP

If you are behind on your utility bills, you should call your utility company immediately and ask about their payment plans. Utilities are offering several customer assistance programs, including flexible payment plans (regardless of income) and balance forgiveness plans for those eligible. You will be protected from shutoff if you make payments as scheduled under the plan.

**BERKSHIRE GAS**  
(800) 292-5012

**EVERSOURCE**  
(866) 861-6225 (East)  
(877) 963-2632 (West)

**LIBERTY**  
(800) 544-4944

**NATIONAL GRID**  
(800) 322-3223

**UNITIL**  
(888) 301-7700

## INCOME-ELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Don't wait to apply for income-eligible assistance programs. First, contact your utility to apply for an income-eligible rate which provides a discount on your whole bill. Second, you may qualify for the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP eligibility is evaluated based on your gross household income for the past 4 weeks. Use the contact info below to find your local community action agency where you can apply for LIHEAP.

→ [masscap.org/heatinghelpma](https://masscap.org/heatinghelpma) • Cold Relief Heatline: (800) 632-8175 • [mass.gov/hed/fuel](https://mass.gov/hed/fuel)

## HELP FOR RENTERS

Renters struggling to afford rent and utility costs may qualify for Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Renters experiencing financial hardship because of COVID-19 should ask if they are eligible through one of six regional housing agencies.

→ [mass.gov/CovidHousingHelp](https://mass.gov/CovidHousingHelp)

## OTHER ASSISTANCE

If you don't qualify for income-based assistance, there may also be funds available to assist you. If your household income is between 60 to 80 percent of the state median income, you may be able to receive help from the Good Neighbor Energy Fund.

→ [magoodneighbor.org/assistance](https://magoodneighbor.org/assistance)

## COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS

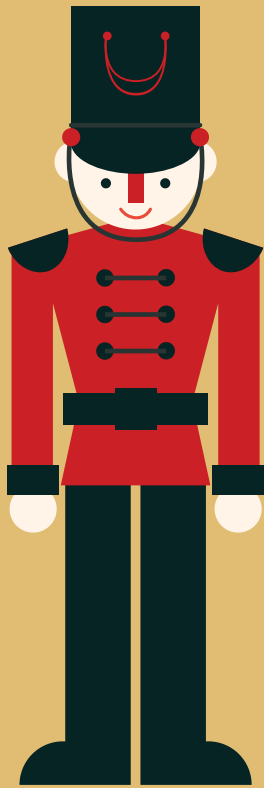
A study by the AG's Office found that most electric supplier customers lose money in the long run. Beware of deceptive marketing promising savings as compared to the utility's high winter electric prices. If you have a supplier, check if your rate is still competitive with your utility's. Contact the AG's Office with questions.

## SHUTOFF MORATORIUM

From November 15 to March 15, there is a moratorium in place that prevents shutting off your gas or electric if you use that to heat your home. But know that you will still owe payment for your bills. To avoid falling into debt, take advantage of fuel assistance programs or enroll in a budget-installment plan.

## ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Attorney General's Office • (617) 727-8400 • [mass.gov/ago/fuelassistance](https://mass.gov/ago/fuelassistance)  
Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities • (617) 737-2836 • [mass.gov/dpu](https://mass.gov/dpu)



**NORFOLK COUNTY  
SHERIFF  
PATRICK W. MCDERMOTT**

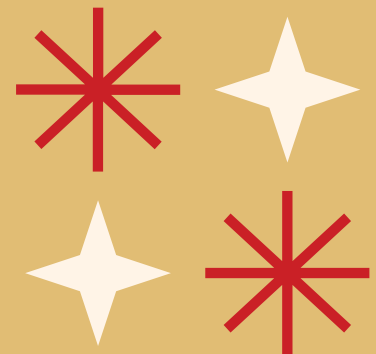


INVITES YOU TO

# **HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS**

**GET YOUR JINGLE ON!**

JOIN US FOR A FUN & FAMILY FRIENDLY  
EVENING OF HOLIDAY CRAFTS, TREATS,  
CAROLERS, AND EVEN A  
VISIT FROM SANTA!

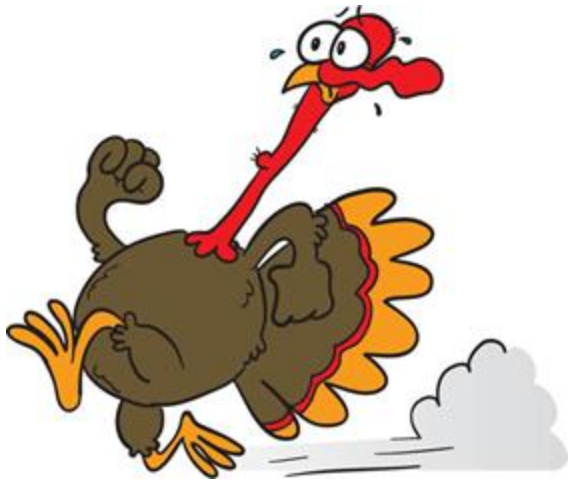


**FRIDAYS  
DECEMBER 3, 10, & 17  
4:30 - 7 PM**

BRAINTREE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX  
2015 WASHINGTON ST, BRAINTREE

BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM TO  
HELP US GIVE BACK TO THOSE IN NEED THIS  
HOLIDAY SEASON





**THE 20TH ANNUAL  
SQUANTUM TURKEY TROT**

**WE ARE BACK!**

**It's time! Dust off those running shoes  
and lace them up for our 20<sup>th</sup> running of  
the SQUANTUM TURKEY TROT.**

**WHAT:** A 5k run/walk lacing through the scenic and rolling hills of Squantum

**WHERE:** Race begins and ends at Nickerson Post, 20 Moon Island Road, Squantum

**WHEN:** 9 AM Thanksgiving morning, November 25, 2021

**FEES:** \$25.00 Includes a commemorative long sleeve 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirt  
For the first 150 entrants

\$10.00 for kids 10 and under

All proceeds benefit the operation and festivities of the Squantum July 4 parade.  
Cash and checks accepted, payable to Squantum 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Registration begins at 8 AM, November 25, Thanksgiving morning at Nickerson Post.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature waives the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee, it's sponsors and representatives, the Nickerson Post and members of the race committee from all claims and liabilities of any kind arising out of our participation in this event including but not limited to falls, effects of weather, traffic and other conditions of the road and lost or stolen property.



DECEMBER 14 AT 7PM



# PHOENIX BOOK CLUB

Grades 5-8  
(NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

**December's Theme: Graphic Novels!**  
Take a look through our graphic novel collection. You could pick part of a series, like Bone. You could pick a single story, like Long Distance. We have graphic novel versions of text novels, like the Percy Jackson books or Coraline. We have manga and even nonfiction. So long as it's in graphic novel format, grab it, read it and come talk about it in December in person at the Main Library.

DECEMBER 28 AT 7PM



# DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

(AGES 10-15) REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To register online, visit [tinyurl.com/dnddec21](http://tinyurl.com/dnddec21) or our website calendar.

DECEMBER 31 AT 11:30AM



# NOON YEAR'S EVE!

AGES 3+  
INSIDE MAIN LIBRARY



DEC. 24: 9AM-12:30PM Main Library Only  
DEC. 25: CLOSED  
DEC. 31: 9AM-12:30PM Main Library Only  
JANUARY 1: CLOSED



DECEMBER 2021

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY?



ADAMS SHORE & WOLLASTON ARE FULLY OPEN!

OPEN HOURS AT ADAMS SHORE:

Mon: 1-9PM, Tues: 9-5PM, Weds & Thurs: 1-5PM

OPEN HOURS AT WOLLASTON:

Mon & Tues: 1-5PM, Weds: 1-9PM, Thurs: 9-5PM

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### THOMASCRANELIBRARY.ORG/ EVENTS-CALENDAR



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**Donate a Bag**



**& SUPPORT QUINCY BAND BOOSTERS!!**



**Thank You for Helping Quincy Band Boosters Raise \$\$'s  
by DONATING gourmet 2lb SOUP bags to those in need!**

We will be Donating the 2lb Bags of Soup to  
**Fr. Bills & MainSpring!!**

And when you Donate a 2lb bag of SOUP, a % of each order is given back  
to Quincy Band Boosters ! To Help, Please Go To:

[www.DONATEaBAG.org/Products/Quincybandboosters](http://www.DONATEaBAG.org/Products/Quincybandboosters)



**\*\*\* Thank You For Helping Two Causes!! \*\*\***

*"Getting back to the Heart of Fundraising"*



**QUINCY RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

# **YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**



**DATES:**

**Set Days & Times**

**November 13, 2021-  
March 12, 2022**

**BOYS & GIRLS**

**Shooting Stars League: Grades K - 2  
Premier Leagues: Grades 3 - 12**

Quincy Recreation Athletic League's mission is to provide positive recreational experiences with particular emphasis on participation, character and skill development, good sportsmanship, and having fun. Players will learn the fundamentals of basketball: dribbling, passing, shooting, and teamwork. All skill levels are encouraged to join. Shooting Stars in grades K - 2 will meet once a week. The Premier League will be broken up into divisions by grade and will have one practice each week, one "Skills & Drills" session, 10 games during the season, and end-of-season jamborees.

**Register Online [QuincyRec.com](http://QuincyRec.com)  
Quincy Recreation Department  
One Merrymount Pkwy, Quincy, MA 02170**

**WWW.QUINCYREC.COM**

**(617) 376-1394**



## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.\*

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!**



**Just send  
“Y” or “Yes”  
to 67587**

**i** Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt) for more info.

